

REMARKS

Claims 17-25 are presented for further examination. Claim 17 has been amended.

In the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, the Examiner objected to the Abstract and the Title of the invention because they should be directed to the method of operating a DMOS device instead of the structure. Applicant has amended the title to adopt the language suggested by the Examiner. The Abstract has also been amended to now be directed to the method of operating a DMOS device. Approval and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

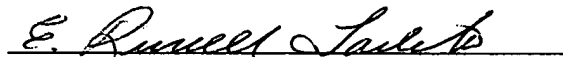
Claims 17-20 were objected to because in claim 17 there were informalities regarding the use of the word "conductivity," and the missing word "region" after each occurrence of "drain," "body," and "source." Applicant has amended claim 17 to overcome the aforementioned informalities by removing "type" after "conductivity" in line 3, inserting "region" after each occurrence of "drain," "body," and "source." In line 11 "a" has been changed to "the."

In view of the foregoing amendments, applicant submits claims 17-20 are now in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicant's undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing claims 17-20 is respectfully solicited.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,  
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